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SUBJECT: DRV/PRG DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN IN AFRICA

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1. GOCAR CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF FEW AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS WHICH MAINTAINS FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH RVN AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL AND HAS NOT EXTENDED RECOGNITION TO EITHER DRV OR PRG.

2. APART FROM VERBAL COMMITMENT PRESIDENT BOKASSA REPORTEDLY GAVE DRV/PRG AT LUSAKA NONALIGNED CONVERENCE IN 1970 FOR EVENTUAL RECOGNITION AND INFORMAL CONTACTS THAT MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT SUBSEQUENT NONALIGNED AND OAU MEETINGS, EMBASSY HAS NO INDICATION THAT DRV/PRG HAS MADE ANY PROGRESS TOWARDS ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS.

3. GOCAR HAS JUST VOTED AGAINST SEATING OF PRG AT LAUSANNE ICRC WEAPONS CONFERENCE (REFTEL C). IN ADDITION, PRESIDENT BOKASSA PLANS VISIT SAIGON NEXT YEAR DURING TOUR OF FOUR OR FIVE ASIAN CAPITALS AND WOULD BE UNLIKELY JEOPARDIZE THIS VISIT BY ANY PRECIPITOUS ACTION IN RESPONSE TO DRV/PRG OVERTURES. RVN AMBASSADOR TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOCAR FONMIN POTOLOT HAD RECENTLY REASSURED HIM THAT GOCAR WOULD NOT EXTEND DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO PRG. THEREFORE, EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT IS THAT GOCAR'S
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NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD RELATIONS WITH DRV/PRG NOT LIKELY

UNDERGO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN MONTHS AHEAD. EMBASSY WILL
OF COURSE, REPORT ANY DEVELOPMENTS INDICATING A POSSIBLE SHIFT
IN GOCAR POLICY TOWARD DRV/PRG.

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